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Linda Clark is a litigation partner at Hiscock and Barclay's office in Albany, New York. She concentrates her practice in the areas of state and federal, commercial, mass and class-action/group claim litigation involving health-related, business and tort claims. She has extensive experience representing Fortune 500 and national/global clients as national, regional and local counsel in commercial class/mass actions and toxic tort cases of many genres, including representation of business and institutional clients defending thousands of asbestos claims brought in state and federal court since 2000. She has over fifteen (15) years of experience as regional, national and trial counsel in mass, group and class action cases in New York and elsewhere including many high profile trials with nationally recognized plaintiff's firms. Linda serves as court appointed defense liaison counsel to Justice Richard T. Aulisi in most upstate jurisdictions including the Third, Fourth and Sixth Judicial Districts encompassing most of the Northern District where she works closely with plaintiff's counsel and the judiciary to coordinate the growing upstate asbestos dockets on behalf of the 200+ firms practicing in the jurisdiction.

Linda is a frequent lecturer, organizer and contributor of written materials at accredited national, regional seminars and legal education programs nationally and regionally including seminars presented by HarrisMartin, HB Litigation Conferences, and the New York State Bar Association. She serves as a member of the state and federal Judicial Advisory Council and as a member of the NYSBA committee on Court Structure and Operations. Linda also serves as an appointed judicial hearing officer in Judicial misconduct cases. She has been recognized as a "Superlawyer" and recently received recognition for her work in the mass tort field as a "Best Lawyer" in America.

BERNARD J. MALONE, JR.
Senior Counsel
Whiteman Osterman & Hanna LLP
Mediation and Arbitration; Litigation; Corporate Compliance Matters

Prior to joining Whiteman Osterman & Hanna as senior counsel to the Firm, Bernard J. Malone, Jr. served in a variety of notable public service positions. From 2005 through 2012 he was a member of the Appellate Division of New York State Supreme Court, serving on the First Department in Manhattan and the Third Department in Albany. He had been an elected trial level Supreme Court Justice since 1998. For the fifteen years prior to that he was an Assistant United States Attorney for the Northern District of New York, where he specialized in both civil litigation and criminal prosecution.

Representative Accomplishments

- At the conclusion of more than fifteen years of service as Assistant United States Attorney he was recognized for handling “the most complex and high profile cases in the district,” including a five month death penalty trial. He was a busy trial lawyer and also argued numerous appeals before the Second Circuit Court of Appeals in Manhattan.
- As a trial level Supreme Court Justice he determined, in a controversial landmark opinion affirmed by the Court of Appeals, that the New York State Senate and Assembly cannot alter the Governor’s Executive Budget.
- He served with great distinction from 2005-2008 on the Appellate Division, First Department in Manhattan, deciding appeals in international commercial disputes.
- He then served with great distinction from 2008-2012 on the Appellate Division Third Department in Albany.

Affiliations

- Trustee Emeritus of Albany Law School, past president of its National Alumni Association and recipient of the Distinguished Alumni Award, 2013
- New York State Bar Association, Co-Chair with former Chief Judge Judith S. Kaye of Special Committee on Youth Courts
- Appointed by Chief Judge of New York State to first Advisory Group of the New York State and Federal Judicial Council
- Founding member of the Youth Courts in the Towns of Colonie and Bethlehem
- Sustaining member of Albany County Bar Association

Military

United States Army - Active duty 1965 - 1969
Distinguished graduate, Infantry Officer Candidate School, Fort Benning, Georgia
Awarded Bronze Star and Distinguished Service Medal for service in Vietnam

Education

Niagara University, B.A.
Albany Law School, J.D.
International Institute for Conflict Prevention & Resolution Advanced Commercial Mediation

MAE A. D'AGOSTINO

Mae Avila D'Agostino is a United States District Judge for the Northern District of New York. At the time of her appointment in 2011, she was a trial attorney with the law firm of D'Agostino, Krackeler, Maguire & Cardona, PC. Judge D'Agostino is a 1977 *magna cum laude* graduate of Siena College in Loudonville, New York. After graduating from College, she attended Syracuse University College of Law, receiving her J.D. degree in May of 1980. At Syracuse University College of Law, she was awarded the International Academy of Trial Lawyers award for distinguished achievement in the art and science of advocacy and was a teaching assistant in the Legal Research and Writing Program.

After graduating from Law School, Judge D'Agostino began her career as a trial attorney. She has tried numerous civil cases including medical malpractice, products liability, negligence, and civil rights.

Judge D'Agostino is a past chair of the Trial Lawyers Section of the New York State Bar Association and is a member of the International Academy of Trial Lawyers and the American College of Trial Lawyers.

Judge D'Agostino has participated in numerous Continuing Legal Education programs. She is an Adjunct Professor at Albany Law School where she teaches Medical Malpractice. She is a past member of the Siena College Board of Trustees, and Albany Law School Board of Trustees. She is a member of the New York State Bar Association and Albany County Bar Association.

Hon. Christian F. Hummel
U.S. Magistrate Judge
Northern District of New York

Christian F. Hummel is a United States Magistrate Judge for the Northern District of New York. At the time of his appointment in September, 2012, he was the Rensselaer County Surrogate. Judge Hummel served as the Rensselaer County Surrogate from 2002 until September, 2012. Judge Hummel was a Rensselaer County Family Court Judge from 1993 until 2002. Judge Hummel was a Town Justice in the town of East Greenbush from 1986 until 1993 .

Prior to his election as Rensselaer County Family Court Judge, he was a partner in the Albany, New York law firm of Carter & Conboy where his practice centered on civil litigation and trial work .

Judge Hummel earned his B.A. from the State University of New York at Plattsburgh and his J.D. from Albany Law School

Honorable Richard Platkin
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JUSTICE RICHARD PLATKIN graduated from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, NY in 1985 and obtained his law degree in 1993 from Albany Law School. While in law school, he served as an Executive Editor of the Albany Law Review. From 1993-1994 Justice Platkin was an Associate with the law firm of Pennie and Edmonds and then served as a law clerk to Judge Roger J. Miner, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit from 1994-1995. In 1995 Justice Platkin joined the New York State Executive Chamber, serving as an Assistant Counsel to the Governor until 2000, as Deputy Counsel to the Governor from 2000-2002, and as Counsel to Governor George E. Pataki from 2003-2006. Justice Platkin advised the Governor on a wide range of legal, litigation and legislative matters. In December 2006 Justice Platkin was appointed to the New York State Court of Claims. Currently Justice Platkin is designated to serve as Acting Justice of the Supreme Court in the Third Judicial District, and he presides over the Commercial Division of Supreme Court, Albany County.

Patrick M. Connors

Biography

Patrick M. Connors is a Professor of Law at Albany Law School where he teaches New York Practice, Legal Ethics, and a seminar in Professional Responsibility. He was an Adjunct Professor of Law at Syracuse University College of Law where he taught Professional Responsibility from 1991 to 1999.

He received his B.A. degree from Georgetown University and his J.D. degree from St. John's Law School, where he was an editor of the Law Review and research assistant to Professor David D. Siegel.

Upon graduation from St. John's in 1988, Professor Connors served as a personal law clerk to Judge Richard D. Simons of the New York Court of Appeals until 1991. From 1991 until May of 2000 he was an associate and then member of the litigation department at Hancock & Estabrook, LLP, in Syracuse, New York.

Commencing with the January 2013 supplement, Professor Connors became the author for Siegel, New York Practice (5th ed.). In addition, he is the author of the McKinney's Practice Commentaries for CPLR Article 22, Stay, Motions, Orders and Mandates, Article 23, Subpoenas, Oaths and Affirmations, Article 30, Remedies and Pleading, and Article 31, Disclosure. He also authors the Practice Commentaries for the New York Rules of Professional Conduct (available on Westlaw; in progress) and several articles in the Surrogate's Court Procedure Act. He is also the author of the New York Practice column and the annual Court of Appeals Roundup on New York Civil Practice, which are published in the New York Law Journal. From 1992 through 2003, he was a Reporter for the Committee on New York Pattern Jury Instructions ("PJI"), the panel of New York State Supreme Court Justices that drafts and oversees the frequent revisions of the standard jury charges in civil cases. His publications have been cited in over 100 reported cases.

He is a member of the New York State Bar Association's Committee on Professional Ethics. He served on the New York State Attorney Grievance Committee for the Fifth Judicial District from 1997 until 2000. He was the Reporter for the New York State Bar Association's Special Committee on the Code of Judicial Conduct, which published a report recommending substantial amendments to New York's Code of Judicial Conduct. He was also the Reporter for the New York State Bar Association's Task Force on Non-lawyer Ownership of Law Firms. He is a member of the Office of Court Administration's Advisory Committee on Civil Practice and served as a member of the New York State Bar Association's CPLR Committee from 2003 through 2007.

Professor Connors is a frequent lecturer at continuing legal education seminars on recent developments in New York Practice, professional ethics and legal malpractice. He also serves as an expert witness and consultant on issues pertaining to attorney ethics, legal malpractice, and civil procedure.

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Practice Areas

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Health Law

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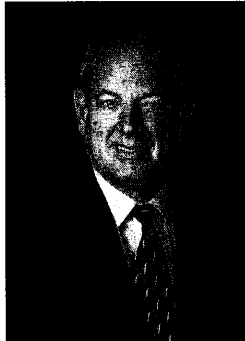
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United States Supreme Court

Education

J.D., Albany Law School of Union
University
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Professional Memberships

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James S. Gleason is a Partner and Chair of the firm's Labor and Employment and Litigation practice groups, as well a member of the firm's Executive Committee. Mr. Gleason is an experienced trial attorney who has successfully represented businesses of all types in litigation involving discrimination, wage and hour issues, ERISA claims, unfair competition claims, commercial disputes, and personal injuries. He appears in both federal and state court, and has successfully litigated claims before numerous administrative agencies, including the Occupational Health and Safety Administration (OSHA) and the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB). Mr. Gleason has also handled a number of arbitrations. He represents hospitals and physicians in medical malpractice actions and in matters before the Office of Professional Medical Conduct (OPMC).

Because of his experience, Mr. Gleason is regularly called on to serve as local counsel for class action lawsuits and other complex litigation. An experienced appellate lawyer, he also handles appeals in New York state and federal courts.

His dedication to his clients and his superior litigation skills have earned him fellowship with the American College of Trial Lawyers. He is regularly included in Super Lawyers and the Best Lawyers in America.

In addition to his litigation practice, Mr. Gleason counsels business clients regarding compliance with anti-discrimination and other labor laws. He is familiar with the challenges facing modern businesses and has assisted both unionized and non-unionized businesses in structuring reductions in force that comply with anti-discrimination laws, labor laws, and the Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA). He has counseled clients regarding negotiations and implementation of changes to retiree medical benefits plans and on issues involving subcontracting of the workforce.

Mr. Gleason is a frequent lecturer on litigation and labor and employment topics. A strong advocate of mentoring young attorneys in litigation skills, his presentations have included continuing education courses on practical trial skills, handling voir dire, evidentiary issues at trial, and New York Supreme Court practice. He also provides training for clients on issues such as anti-sexual harassment and discrimination, handling employee discipline, and best employment practices.

In addition to the Executive Committee, Mr. Gleason is the Chair of the firm's personnel committee.

ALAN J. GOLDBERG
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Alan Goldberg has been a partner in the Whiteman Osterman & Hanna LLP Litigation Practice Group since January 1999. Before joining Whiteman in 1994, he was an associate for three years with Wilmer, Cutler & Pickering in Washington, D.C. From 1989 to 1991, Mr. Goldberg served as law clerk to the Honorable Walter E. Black, Jr., Chief Judge of the U.S. District Court for the District of Maryland. He is a graduate of New York University School of Law and Brown University. Mr. Goldberg has experience in all aspects of federal and state litigation, on both plaintiff and defense sides, and has represented clients in federal preemption, contract, sales, product and pharmaceutical liability, personal injury, environmental, employment and civil rights matters.

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Yvonne E. Hennessey is a partner at Hiscock & Barclay, LLP where she practices energy and environmental law. Yvonne represents clients in the oil and gas sector on a broad variety of issues involving legislation, well permitting and project siting, compulsory integration, administrative adjudication, civil litigation, lobbying compliance and investigations by the New York State Attorney General's office.

She also represents commercial and industrial clients on a wide range of matters involving permitting, compliance, civil and administrative enforcement, and government relations. She has assisted corporate and municipal clients, both large and small, in a variety of matters including those related to the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA), the federal Clean Air Act (CAA) and related state regulations, the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA), the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), the New York State Coastal Management Program, and other state and federal environmental statutes and regulatory programs that apply to project permitting and siting.

Yvonne has also represented clients in every aspect of complex litigation in a broad range of litigation matters, including commercial, regulatory and leasing disputes. Her regulatory experience includes extensive experience in election, ethics, and lobbying law compliance, including pertinent statutory and regulatory programs at both the state and federal level.

Yvonne is a member of the New York State Bar Association Environmental Law Section's Executive Committee and is the President of the Northern District of New York Federal Court Bar Association. She was recognized by the New York State Bar Association in September 2010 as one of the "brightest young members" of the Environmental Law Section and, more recently, she was named to the 2013 and 2014 editions of *Best Lawyers in America* for Environmental Litigation and selected by Peer Review for Inclusion in *Super Lawyer Directory* 2013 for Energy and Natural Resources.